

# HUALAPAI TRIBE



Approximate Location of Tribal Lands



## Elected Officials

**Chairman:** Dr. Damon Clarke

**Vice-Chairman:** Philbert Watahomigie, Sr.

**Council Members:** William Clay Bravo, Stewart M. Crozier, Jolene Marshall, Jonell Tapija, Richard Powskey, Shawna Havatone, and Blake Watahomigie

**Environmental Assistant Director:** Annette Bravo

**Other Employee of Note:** NTC representative and  
**Water Resource Manager:** Alvin Crook

**Land Base:** 1,000,000 acres of the Colorado River and Grand Canyon, *slightly smaller than the state of Delaware*

**Primary Economy:** Tourism, rafting, skywalk, mountain sheep hunting, fishing, and camping.

**Population and Poverty (2010 Census):** 1,335 residents live on the reservation, 41.2% of which live in poverty. Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): 71.8% have at least a high school diploma. 1.7% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

## General Information

The Hualapai call themselves, "Hwal'bay", which means "People of the Tall Pine." The Hualapai live on lands encompassing about one million acres along 108 miles of the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon. The Tribe has a Natural Resources Department which conducts water quality monitoring and air quality monitoring. The Tribe is active in the Regional Tribal Operations Committee and also the National Tribal Caucus.

## EPA Funding

### General Assistance Program Grant

The Hualapai Tribe receives GAP funding through a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG), bundled with Clean Air Act Section 105. The Tribe is an active member at NTC and RTOC meetings and is working to develop better environmental education and outreach materials.

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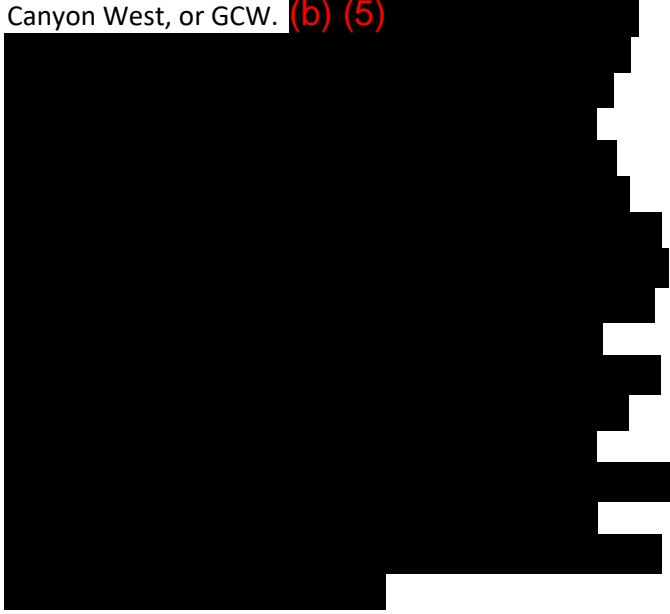
### Mohave Wind Project

The Hualapai Tribe is a cooperating agency for the Bureau of Land Management's development of an EIS for the Mohave Wind Project. The proposed wind farm on BLM and Bureau of Reclamation land would include up to 283 turbines and generate up to 500MW. The Tribe identified several topographic features in the Project area and surrounding areas as areas of traditional cultural concern and participated in cultural resource surveys, preparation of reports, and development of the EIS. EPA rated the Draft EIS "Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information" (EC-2), based primarily on concerns regarding potential impacts to jurisdictional waters.

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### Wastewater Deficiencies at Grand Canyon West


The Tribe operates a tourist center at the rim of the Grand Canyon, consisting of a skywalk, restaurants, tourist cabins, employee housing, an airport and various vista points. The center is collectively known as Grand Canyon West, or GCW. (b) (5)



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### Wastewater Infrastructure Project at Peach Springs

In 2014, the Clean Water Indian Set Aside program awarded the Tribe \$35,000 to conduct a wastewater flow study at the Peach Springs lagoon. The lagoon is at hydraulic capacity and is experiencing periodic sewer overflows. The study will include sampling of influent and effluent for water quality, and evaluating sewer line video survey to determine need for an additional cell and/or NPDES permit for the lagoon system. The Preliminary Engineering Report should be completed in April 2020 (b) (5)



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### Clean Water Act Programs

The Tribe has been approved to be treated in a similar manner as a state (TAS) by EPA for the following Programs: The Water Pollution Control Program under Section 106 in 1993, the Nonpoint Source Program under Section 319 in 1996, and the Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs under Sections 303 and 401 in 2000. The Tribe has also received

Wetlands Program Development grants under Section 104.

Under the CWA 106 program, the Tribe is currently accessing and monitoring 54 new, remote, spring sites and ground water wells throughout the Reservation. The Tribe will then upload pictures and water quality information to their department page which will then be shared with the tribal community who have not known about these sites due to the remoteness and rugged terrain to access them.

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### Drinking Water

There are three active Public Water Systems on the Reservation, including one Bureau of Indian Affairs facility, which are all currently in compliance with all health-based regulations. The BIA public water system operates an arsenic removal treatment system to meet the arsenic standard.

The Hualapai Department of Public Works has made progress in hiring sufficient staff and securing sufficient budget to operate and maintain their drinking water infrastructure. The Tribe's main community system was renovated in 2017 by the Indian Health Service and is in good condition.

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Public Water System Name	PWS ID #	Jan. 2020 ETT Score	Violation Severity	Return to Compliance Date Anticipated
Peach Springs	090400108	9	Low, Monitoring	Currently Returned to Compliance – Data Error
Grand Canyon West	090400101	13	Low, Monitoring	Currently Returned to Compliance – Data Error
BIA Truxton Canyon	090400063	4	Low, Monitoring	Currently Returned to Compliance – Data Error

## **Air Compliance**

The Hualapai Tribe currently has a PPG with the Air and GAP programs. The PPG has a 5- year workplan (for FY 2016-2020) for GAP and CAA 105. During the past years of the PPG there have been some decreases in anticipated funding due to reporting challenges by the tribe. 2020 will be the final year of the PPG, the GAP and Air Programs are working together with the Hualapai to ensure a successful completion of this multiyear, multiprogram effort.

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